Beinonstrr.rion at Doordarshan *Kendm* Bangalore

1318. SHRI ALADI" ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCAST - ING be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-Hindi demonstrators reoaatly entered the Doordarshan Kendra in Bangalore and- disrupted the relay of the popular serial Ramayana; and.

(b) what were the demands of die agi-tators?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Six members of Kannadda Artists and Writers Guild forced their way into the Transmitter Hall of Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore cn 31-1-88 and caused a major breakdown during the telecast of 'Ramayana' Programme.

(b) The demands of the demonstrators were for more Kannadda Programmes, Kaonadda Feature Films for Kannadda speaking people and also recruitment of Kannadingas to various posts in the Kendra.

Employment of children in Hazardous activities

1319. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA. KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite all the laws regulating employment of children, children of tender age continue to work in match and - firework factories and in mines, in callous disregard of the safety norms; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and directions issued by the Central Gov-Brnment to prevent this rampant exploitation of child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI MNDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) It is a fact that inspite of the laws prohibiting; employment of children in certain e loyment*, cases of children continuing to work in such employments have been de-tected.

(b) The.: State Governments have been addressed to stringently enforce the legal provision^ relating to prohibition of child labour.

Utilisation of Central fund by Madhya Pradesh

1320. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Ministe$_r$ of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Funds provided to the Housing Board of Madhya Pradesh have not bee* fully utilised and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what were the funds allotted and how much have been already utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Government does not provide any financial assistance direct to the Housing Boards. Central financial assistance is given to the S'ate Governments/ U.T. Admns. as 'block loans' and grants' without being tied to any particular scheme for head of development'

However, the HUDCO, the premier financing institution at the central level, has sanctionsd 360 schemes in Madhya raV • desh with a project cost of Rs, 26067 lakhs and loan assistance of Rs. 17276 lakhs which envisages construction of 91822 dwelling units, 1(1104 basic sanitation units and development of 78714 plo's.

Introduction of cheap construction mcterial

1321. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new construction material is likely to be in-troduced, which promises to cut down the consumption of concrete by 30 per cent to 60 per cent and reduces the construction cost;

(b) if so, w\n are the details thereof and whether.it would be durable; and

(c) to what extent the constitution cost is likely to be reduced?

THE MINISTER QF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The various research institute in the •country have developed a number of new materials and improved technology for re-reduction in cost and consumption of scarce building materials like cement and steel. Concrete is generally used for foundation/flooring and RCC roofiiug, beam, lintels etc. The major consumption of concrete in construction is the items of roofing and flooring slabs. The consumption of concrete for RCC may be reduced to the tune of 10 to 12 per cent by using pre-cast/pre-fabricated building components such aft precast channel unit, precast RC plank and joists for rootling and flooring, callular concrete roofiing units, reinforced brick panels etc.

The durability and structural soundness of - prefabricated components have been established by the research works conducted by the research institutions like Central Building Research Institute^ Roorkee.,The CBRI is experimenting with- fly-ash lime bricks which are expected to result in ings in consumption of concrete by 30 to 60 per cent.

The extent of cost reduction would depend upon the type 'of constructon technique, type of structure, and the savin concrete achieved.

Supply of drinking water in Bilaspur division of Madhya Pradesh

.1322. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

Xa) whether there has been grave water crisis in Bilaspur dvision of Madhya Pradesh:

(b) if so, the aid provided by the Central Government to the State Goernment for providing potable water in the village" of the Bilaspur division;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of 8137 villages of the division, 5119 are problem villages and if so, the villages where drinking water arrangements have been made so far and what is the number of remaining " villages where the problem is still there; and

(d) the funds so fa_r utilised by the State Government received from the Cen tre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOIARI): (a) Drinking water scarcity was felt during summer months in some problem villages in Bilaspur Division of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) grant-in-aid of Rs 32.81 crores was released to the State Government in in 1987-88 for the supply of safe driinkng. water in rural areas in the state. Out of this Rs. 229.75 lakhs was allocated by the State Government for supply of safe drinking water in rural areas in Bilaspur Division Against their allocation of Rs. 27.73 $crore_s$ for 1988-89, a sum of Rs. 13.876. crores has already' been released Out qf this amount Rs, 111 lakhs has been allocated by the State Government for Bilaspur Division.

(c) Out of 8137 villages of the Division, 8050 were problem villages (PVs) 7835 PVs have already been covered leaving a balance of 215 PVs which are yet to be covered with safe drinking waer facilities.

(d) The utilisation of funds by the Slate Governmnt is s»« under:—

Utilisation of funds (Rs. in crores)

	State as a whole		Bilaspur Division	
ARWSP	1987-. 88	1988- -89*	1987- 88	1988—89*
M.P.	34.55	7.25	2.30	0.04
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